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MEMO TO: Bill Helphingstine, E.P.A.-Water Division/Grants

FROM: Les Strnad, Central Coastal Commission

RE: San Mateo County Mid-Coastside Wastewater Management Plan
           Coastal Commission staff concerns of the project's impacts
           within Coastal Zone

Bill:

Pursuant to our recent telephone conversation with regard to the San Mateo County
Mid-Coastside Wastewater Management Plan, I'd like to emphasize the following
points:

First, as we have discussed on numerous occasions with you and members of the State
and Regional Boards, our staff fully endorses the regional consolidation of the
San Mateo mid-coastside sanitation facilities. However, our concurrence has always
been based upon a future facility which meets the federal and state water quality
standards, and minimizes secondary impacts within the Coastal Zone. Therefore,
although we can agree on the minimal environmental impacts associated with a
1.3 mgd facility (i.e., the facility determined grant eligible), we still have
serious concerns about the long term impacts from a larger (2.0 mgd) treatment
plant.

Second, in reference to my comments in the Mid-Coastside E.I.R. (May, 1976), I
feel that the sections which outline the Unavoidable Adverse Impacts (pg. 78),
Indirect Impacts (pg. 79-80), and the Stimulus to Growth-Addendum (pg. 81-82)
really address the heart of the issues. Without detail knowledge of the negotia-
tions between ABAG and the State Board, I find it difficult to conceptually approve
the larger facility. In the event that there are legally binding conditions (i.e.
a conditional negative declaration and concept approval) our concerns may be
alleviated, however, until such time that an environmental assessment is issued
by your office, I'll withhold prejudgement of the larger facility.

I hope this clarifies my comments of the other day. If I can be of further assis-
tance, don't hesitate to call.

Les